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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. CHARGE DELIVERED TWO STRONGLY-WORDED DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO THE MFA ON JULY 3 PROTESTING THE

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SHOOTING ON JUNE 7 BY PLA SOLDIERS OF 11 AMERICAN OCCUPIED APARTMENTS IN THE DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPLEX; AND THE INCREASED SECURITY AROUND THE U.S. EMBASSY. MFA OFFICIAL REVEALED NEW INFORMATION THAT THERE WERE SHOTS FROM BUILDINGS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE DIPLOMATIC COMPLEX, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHO FIRED THE SHOTS. THE OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT THE INCREASED NUMBER OF GUARDS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS FOR THE EMBASSY'S PROTECTION.

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3. PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY JIANG ZEMIN TOLD SENIOR OFFICIALS JULY 1 (PARTY DAY) THAT PARTY DISCIPLINE MUST BE MAINTAINED. A UNITED PARTY FULLY SUPPORTING THE PARTY IDEOLOGY AS DEFINED BY DENG XIAOPING IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE AGAINST "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLIONS." THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE PARTY IS FORCING GROUPS TO STUDY DENG'S SPEECH.

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4. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW CLAIMED THAT ONLY 36 STUDENTS DIED DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE OFFICIAL PRESS HAS ALSO ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME INNOCENT STUDENTS WERE KILLED BY MISTAKE.

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5. AN ABC PRODUCER, TEMPORARILY DETAINED FOR  
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VIOLATING MARTIAL LAW BY FILMING IN BEIJING, HAS FINALLY RECEIVED HIS PASSPORT AND IS EXPECTED TO DEPART CHINA JULY 4. LOCAL OFFICIALS CONFIRM THAT THREE AMCITS DETAINED FOR COLLECTING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL AND POSSESSING FALSE STUDENT I.D. CARDS HAVE DEPARTED CHINA. AN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD A DIPLOMAT RESIDENT IN BEIJING THAT STUDENT "DEMOCRACY FIGHTERS" WERE FRIENDS OF MRS. LORD, WIFE OF THE FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR. A CHINESE-AMERICAN EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND SAID AMERICANS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE "TURMOIL" IN CHINA.

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6. CHINA REPORTED THAT THE UNDP HAS APPROVED A USD 57 MILLION FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN CHINA. DENG XIAOPING HAS CONFERRED POSTHUMOUS HONORS ON TEN SOLDIERS KILLED DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. NPC CHAIRMAN WAN LI AND SENIOR OFFICIAL WU XUEQIAN MET SEPARATELY WITH VISITING LOW-LEVEL DELEGATIONS IN THE PRC'S EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR CHINA'S ACTIONS JUNE 3-4.

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7. THE MFA HAS DENIED THAT THE CHINESE ASKED THE SOVIETS FOR INCREASED AID TO MAKE-UP FOR ITS LOSS OF AID FROM THE WEST. THREE PEOPLE CAUGHT BY STUDENTS

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FOR DEFACING MAO'S PORTRAIT IN TIANANMEN SQUARE ON  
MAY 23 HAVE BEEN INDICTED AS  
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. TIBET IS OPENING TO TOUR  
GROUPS, BUT THERE IS NO WORD ON THE END OF MARTIAL  
LAW THERE. CHINA IS WORRIED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL  
ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION MAY CHANGE THE VENUE FOR ITS  
ANNUAL MEETING, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN BEIJING  
THIS YEAR.  
END SUMMARY.

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CHARGE DELIVERS STRONGLY WORDED DEMARCHE TO MFA ON  
INCREASED SECURITY AND SHOOTING OF DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND  
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8. CHARGE BURGHARDT DELIVERED TWO STRONGLY-WORDED  
DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO MFA PROTOCOL DIRECTOR JIANG KAN  
ON JULY 3 PROTESTING: 1) THE JUNE 7 SHOOTING OF THE  
JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPLEX, IN WHICH //  
U.S. OCCUPIED APARTMENTS WERE HIT BY BULLETS; AND  
2) THE INCREASED SECURITY AROUND THE EMBASSY. JIANG  
RESTATED THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT A PLA SOLDIER  
WAS INJURED BY A SNIPER FROM THE JIANGUOMENWAI  
COMPLEX AND THAT SOLDIERS RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED  
THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND. THE CHARGE SHOWED A SET OF  
BOOKS FROM ONE OF THE U.S.-OCCUPIED APARTMENTS IN  
WHICH ONE BULLET HAD GONE THROUGH TWO OF THE BOOKS  
AND LODGED IN A THIRD. THIS WAS CLEARLY A HORIZONTAL  
TRAJECTORY; THE BULLET HAD NOT BEEN FIRED FROM A  
SOLDIER AT STREET LEVEL. JIANG REVEALED NEW  
INFORMATION, STATING THAT SHOTS HAD IN FACT BEEN  
FIRED FROM A BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE  
DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPLEX. HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WAS  
NOT KNOWN WHO FIRED THE SHOTS.

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9. ON INCREASED SECURITY AROUND THE EMBASSY, JIANG  
SAID THE GUARDS, WITH MACHINE GUNS, ARE THERE TO  
PROTECT THE EMBASSY. REPORTING CABLE OF THE MEETING  
WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL, AS WILL TEXTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC  
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PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY JIANG ZEMIN EMPHASIZES PARTY DISCIPLINE ON 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARTY

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10. JULY 1 EVENING NEWS AND JULY 2 PRINT MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY JIANG ZEMIN'S SPEECH TO SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS AT ZHONGNANHAI ON JULY 1. ON THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN CHINA, JIANG ZEMIN TOLD THE GROUP THAT STRONG PARTY DISCIPLINE WAS IMPORTANT. JIANG ZEMIN SAID THAT WHILE THE PARTY AND THE STATE SURVIVED THE RECENT "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION", GLARING WEAKNESSES WERE REVEALED AS A RESULT OF FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY ZHAO ZIYANG'S NEGLIGENCE TOWARD "PARTY BUILDING", DISCIPLINE AND UNITY. THE NEW GENERAL SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE WEAKNESSES BE CORRECTED. HE AND FELLOW STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER SONG PING REPEATEDLY TOLD THE GROUP THAT "WITHOUT THE PARTY THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE GREAT BENEFITS AND THE REVOLUTIONARY OPENING OF A NEW SOCIALIST CHINA."

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11. IN RELATED NEWS, CHINESE MEDIA REPORTED THAT VARIOUS GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE NATION WERE DILIGENTLY STUDYING DENG XIAOPING'S RECENT SPEECH ON THE FOUR PRINCIPLES. A CONTACT TOLD EMBOFF THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE BEING REQUIRED TO WRITE ESSAYS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DENG'S SPEECH. EMBASSY'S AGRICULTURE SECTION WAS ALSO INFORMED BY BEIJING'S LARGEST LIVESTOCK COMPANY THAT THEY COULD NOT MEET WITH THE EMBASSY BECAUSE THEY WERE BUSILY STUDYING DENG'S SPEECH.

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EDITORIAL CALLS FOR DISCIPLINE

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12. THE JULY 1 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PARTY'S 68TH ANNIVERSARY,  
URGING THE STRENGTHENING OF PARTY SPIRIT AS "A MATTER  
OF LIFE AND DEATH." THE EDITORIAL SAID THAT RECENT  
DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE "REMINDED US THAT THERE ARE  
HOSTILE FORCES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD WHICH ARE  
FRENZIEDLY OPPOSING US...AND THAT THE DISTURBANCE WAS

CLOSELY RELATED TO LAXITY IN OUR PARTY." THE EDITORIAL STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE COUNTRY TO ADHERE TO THE FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES, TO BE UNIFIED AND TO BE DISCIPLINED.

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GOVERNMENT SAYS ONLY 36 STUDENTS DIED

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13. THE JULY 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND JULY 3 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY REPORTED THAT ONLY 36 STUDENTS DIED DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THEIR UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION WAS AS FOLLOWS: SIX FROM PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY; THREE FROM QINGHUA UNIVERSITY, THREE FROM BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TWO EACH FROM BEIJING UNIVERSITY, BEIJING TEACHERS' UNIVERSITY, AND FIVE OTHER UNIVERSITIES, AND ONE EACH FROM TEN MORE UNIVERSITIES. THE NEWS REPORT ADMITTED THAT SOME STUDENTS WERE KILLED BY ACCIDENT, BUT CLAIMED THAT MOST WERE DEMONSTRATORS. PREVIOUSLY, THE PRC GOVERNMENT HAD ADMITTED TO 23 STUDENT DEATHS.

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ABC NEWSMAN ALLOWED TO LEAVE

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14. UPDATING PREVIOUS SITREPS, ABC NEWS PRODUCER CHRIS ANTONAICCI INFORMED THE EMBASSY PRESS AND CULTURE SECTION THAT THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU HAD FINALLY RETURNED HIS PASSPORT AND THREE CAMERAS. HE PLANS TO LEAVE TOMORROW. ANTONAICCI AND THREE OTHER AMCITS WERE DETAINED LAST WEEK FOR TAKING PICTURES IN VIOLATION OF MARTIAL LAW.

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THREE AMCITS EXPELLED BY PRC HAVE LEFT CHINA

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15. UPDATING PREVIOUS SITREPS, EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION REPORTED (BEIJING /7804) THAT, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN XIAN, THREE AMCITS WHO WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR COLLECTING "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL" AND ALLEGEDLY POSSESSING FALSE NANJING UNIVERSITY I.D. CARDS, HAVE DEPARTED CHINA BY WAY OF GUANGZHOU. THE THREE AMCITS WERE DETAINED BY AUTHORITIES IN XIAN.

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MFA PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF MRS. LORD FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH STUDENTS

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16. A SOUTHEAST ASIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT, WHEN HIS COUNTRY WAS CALLED INTO THE MFA JUNE 14 TO HEAR THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED AT TIANANMEN, A SENIOR ASIAN DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL MADE



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SOME CRITICAL REFERENCES TO THE WIFE OF FORMER  
AMBASSADOR LORD. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT, IN THE  
CONTEXT OF THE RIOTS AND TURMOIL, SOME COUNTRIES HAD  
INCITED AND ENCOURAGED STUDENT ACTIVITIES, AND THAT  
THE MAIN CULPRITS WERE THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE.

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A NUMBER OF THE STUDENT "DEMOCRACY FIGHTERS", THE  
OFFICIAL ALLEGED, WERE FRIENDS OF MRS. LORD WHO HAD  
BEEN PART OF HER SOCIAL CIRCLE AND "LITERARY SALON,"  
WHERE THEY LEARNED WESTERN WAYS AND VALUES.

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UNITED NATIONS FUNDS FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN CHINA  
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17. A BRIEF NEWS ITEM CARRIED BY THE JULY 3 PEOPLE'S  
DAILY REPORTED THAT THE 48 MEMBER GOVERNING COUNCIL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP)  
APPROVED A UN POPULATION FUND PROPOSAL TO HELP CHINA  
ACHIEVE ITS POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.  
THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES U.S. 57 MILLION DOLLARS IN  
FUNDING SPREAD OVER FIVE YEARS (1990-94).

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AMERICAN CITIZEN PRAISES CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES  
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18. THE JULY 2 EVENING TELEVISION NEWS COVERED AN  
INTERVIEW WITH CHINESE-AMERICAN CHEN YIYUAN,  
SUPPOSEDLY THE FIRST AMERICAN TO INVEST IN GUANGDONG  
SINCE THE "TURMOIL". CHEN SAID DURING THE INTERVIEW  
THAT AMERICANS MISUNDERSTOOD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE  
UPHEAVAL IN BEIJING. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT  
FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF OPENNESS.

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DENG XIAOPING CONFERS POSTHUMOUS ORDERS ON TEN  
SOLDIERS  
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19. THE LEAD STORY ON THE JULY 2 EVENING NEWS AND  
JULY 3 PRINT MEDIA WAS THE POSTHUMOUS CONFERRAL OF  
THE "GUARDIAN OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA"  
AWARD ON TEN SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED DURING EVENTS

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20. THE JULY 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED THAT NATIONAL  
PEOPLE'S CONGRESS CHAIRMAN WAN LI MET JULY 1 WITH THE  
GUYANESE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION LED BY ITS  
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER SASE NARAIN. THE VISIT WAS AT THE  
INVITATION OF THE NPC. POLITBURO MEMBER WU XUEQIAN  
MET JULY / WITH A VACATIONING GROUP FROM THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF THE GERMAN  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, ACCORDING TO THE JUNE 3  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA DAILY. WU THANKED THE GDR FOR  
ITS SUPPORT OF CHINA AND SAID THAT CHINA WILL NOT  
GIVE INTO PRESSURE FROM "SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES."  
PRESS PLAY ON THE FEW OFFICIAL VISITORS TO CHINA ARE  
PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO  
DEMONSTRATE FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR CHINA'S ACTIONS ON  
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CHINA DENIES ASKING SOVIETS FOR INCREASED AID

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21. THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JULY 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY  
CARRIED AN OFFICIAL MFA DENIAL OF A WESTERN NEWS  
AGENCY REPORT THAT CHINA VICE PREMIER TIAN JIYUN HAD  
REQUESTED THE SOVIET UNION, THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR IN  
BEIJING, TO "FILL THE GAP" RESULTING FROM THE LOSS OF  
WESTERN AID, LOANS AND TECHNOLOGY. THE MFA STATEMENT  
DESCRIBED THE REPORT AS A "SHEER FABRICATION."

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THREE PROSECUTED FOR DEFACING MAO'S PORTRAIT

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22. THREE PERSONS CAUGHT BY STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS  
FOR THROWING PAINT ON THE PORTRAIT OF MAO ZEDONG IN  
TIANANMEN SQUARE ON MAY 23 HAVE BEEN INDICTED FOR  
"COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INSTIGATION AND SABOTAGE,"  
ACCORDING TO A JULY / XINHUA NEWS AGENCY REPORT. THE  
REPORT DID NOT STATE WHEN THE TRIAL WOULD BE HELD OR  
THE POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT FOR THE THREE ACCUSED PEOPLE,  
WHOM SOME HAD EARLIER SPECULATED MIGHT BE GOVERNMENT  
PROVOCATEURS.

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TIBET OPENS TO FOREIGN TOUR GROUPS

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23. THE JULY 3 CHINA DAILY REPORTED THAT THE TRAVEL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION SAID JUNE 30 THAT FOREIGN TOURIST GROUPS, NOT INDIVIDUALS, MAY NOW ENTER TIBET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THE LHASA BRANCH OF THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE AND THE TIBET TRAVEL CORPORATION ARE THE ONLY TOUR AGENTS WHICH CAN ARRANGE FOR GROUP TOURS TO TIBET. THE ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT SAY IF MARTIAL LAW, WHICH WAS IMPOSED LAST MARCH AFTER RIOTS THERE, HAS BEEN LIFTED.

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24. THE JULY 3 CHINA DAILY REPORTED THAT THE CHINESE ASTRONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION HAS EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION WILL GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO HOLD THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING IN BEIJING. THE FEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD IS MEETING IN PARIS TO DECIDE IF THE VENUE FOR THE MEETING SHOULD BE CHANGED.

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